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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Benson et al.) Group Art Unit Unassigned
Appl. No. : Unassigned 09/116A,606)
Filed : Herewith)
For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
MANAGING A DATA)
OBJECT SO AS TO COMPLY)
WITH PREDETERMINED)
CONDITIONS FOR USAGE)
Examiner : Unassigned)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the amendments below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-29, without disclaimer or prejudice.

Please add the following new Claims 30-69 as follows:

30. A method of managing a data object so as to comply with control conditions for usage of the data object, comprising:

providing a variable number of control conditions for usage of the data object;

providing a general set of control data for the data object based on the variable number of control conditions for usage, the general set of control data comprising at least one or more usage control elements defining usages of the data object which comply with the variable number of control conditions;

combining the general set of control data with the data object; and